

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 26, 2020

The Office Suite HD Video Meeting was called to order by Mayor Nehez at 7:30 p.m.

The **ROLL CALL** was read by Ms. Potvin. The following officials were present: Mayor Nehez and Councilpersons Nick Magistrelli, Jenn Domzalski, Renell Noack, Keith Czerr, Gary Vojtush, and Alan Hipps. Also present for the meeting were Law Director Brad Bryan, Finance Director/Clerk of Council Jennifer Potvin, Police Lieutenant Brian Zajac, and Service Department Superintendent Jason Walters.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the Minutes for the August 12, 2020 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Hipps. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Magistrelli-abstain; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The August 12, 2020 Minutes were approved.

### **Proclamation 2020-02: A Proclamation Commending Gregory T. Corradino on his Exceptional Life and Years of Service to the Country and Nordon Hills Community**

Mr. Bryan read the above Proclamation that was issued on behalf of the Mayor and Council. Mr. Corradino's son and wife were present on the electronic meeting and thanked the Mayor and Council for the honor.

### **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:**

**Mayor Jesse Nehez** – Mayor Nehez stated he did not have a report this evening.

**Finance Director, Jennifer Potvin** – Ms. Potvin noted she provided the most recent financial reports to the Mayor and Council covering the period through the end of July. She stated she did not have anything additional to report.

**Engineer, Rich Wasosky** – Mr. Wasosky will be present at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**Law Director, Brad Bryan** – Mr. Bryan presented the July 2020 Village Mayor's Court Monthly Disbursal Report to Council. A motion for acknowledgement of receipt of the report was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Ms. Noack. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Magistrelli-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was approved.

Mr. Bryan stated Chief Buss requested that he ask Council whether it wants to move forward with the installation of the new storm siren. Council already approved \$12,500 to purchase the new siren. The extra Ledge Road utility pole is not tall enough to use to mount the siren. As a result, an additional \$7,500 needs to be authorized for the labor, equipment, and materials to install and mount the siren. A motion to authorize that additional \$7,500 expenditure was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Ms. Noack. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Magistrelli-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was approved.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Police Department, Lt. Brian Zajac** – Lt. Zajac stated he did not have a report this evening.

**Fire Department, Chief Jason Buss** – Chief Buss will be at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**Service Dept., Jason Walters**– Mr. Walters stated the Department is currently working on smaller projects and road patching on the streets behind the Plaza. He is in the process of developing plans and getting quotes for adding additional parking near Huntington Park. He estimates that Phase 1 of the project would add 10 spaces and cost approximately \$40,000 and Phase 2 would add an additional 4 or 5 spots and cost approximately \$30,000. Once he receives more detailed information regarding those proposed projects, he will provide it to Council. The Department recently completed a stormwater improvement project in the Lincoln/Sagamore Road area. Mr. Walters stated he is working with the Police Department to enforce the new version of the Unclean Premises ordinance. He reported the Village Hall exterior building repairs are now complete.

**REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps** – No report.

**Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez** – Mayor Nehez stated there will be a virtual Recreation Board Meeting on Wednesday September 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**Cemetery Board, Mayor Nehez** – Mayor Nehez stated the Cemetery Board has not met recently, and there is nothing to report.

**REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Finance Committee, Mr. Magistrelli** – No report.

**Roads and Public Works, Ms. Domzalski** – No report.

**Health and Welfare, Mr. Czerr** – No report.

**Wages and Working Conditions, Mr. Vojtush** – No report.

**Fire and Safety, Ms. Noack** – No report.

**Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps** – No report.

**LEGISLATION:****Resolution No. 2020-34, An Emergency Resolution Appointing Bill Frazier to the Village Board of Tax Review (First Reading)**

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Hipps. Mr. Vojtush asked the purpose of the Board, if the Board was something that is provided for in the Village Code, how many members are on the Board, and whether the positions are paid positions. Mr. Bryan stated the Board is provided for in the Village Code and has been based upon the current requirements at least since the

2016 tax code update. Mr. Bryan stated he could provide Mr. Vojtush with the exact Village code section that pertains to the Board tomorrow. The Board presently does not have members because it has not had to meet in the past few years. An appeal has been filed, and the Board needs to hold a hearing in the next 45 days. That is the urgency for making these appointments. Mr. Bryan stated the Board consists of three members. One member of the Board can be a Village employee that is appointed by the Mayor. The Mayor appointed Jay Mutter to that position. The other two members cannot be employees or elected officials and have to be approved by Council. The Board Members do not receive any pay for serving on the Board. Ms. Domzalski asked about the length of the terms. Mr. Bryan stated the Board Members appointed by Council serve two year terms. The person appointed by the Mayor serves until he or she quits or is removed by the Mayor. Roll call vote (motion to suspend the three reading rule): Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Magistrelli-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was approved. A motion to pass the Resolution was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Magistrelli-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The Resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 2020-35, An Emergency Resolution Appointing Sabrina Pines to the Village Board of Tax Review (First Reading)**

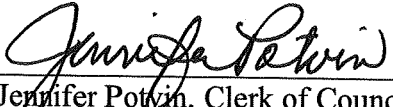
The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Magistrelli-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was approved. A motion to pass the Resolution was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Ms. Noack. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Magistrelli-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The Resolution was adopted.

**OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Nehez apprised Council Northfield Center Township was advised the Village was not interested in submitting a bid for performing police services for the Township. He stated during this period, it is best for the Village Police Department concentrate on providing the best service it can to the Village residents and visitors and not take on any additional work. Mayor Nehez asked whether any Councilmember disagrees with that decision. Council affirmed it agreed with the Mayor's sentiments. Mr. Vojtush asked if that view would also apply to any request to take over fire and ems services for the Township. Mayor Nehez stated it would. Mr. Vojtush stated he agreed with the Mayor on that issue as well.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of the motion; none were opposed. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved by Council.

  
Jennifer Potvin, Clerk of Council